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CONVENTION ATTENDANCE-ALL TIME HIGH

NEWS TIDBITS

The Search for this year's CMLI Teen Prince and Princess has started! Interested parties must attend the meeting today at 10:00 AM in the CMLI Secretariat Room, or be disqualified.

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Articles for the CMLI Newsletter are welcome from all delegates. Deadline is 6:00 PM daily. Poems, comments, essays, etc., accepted.

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In the head delegates meeting last night, two important problems were discussed. First, the rift between public and private schools; it seems some attention must be given to this problem. Second, concerning election of officers, the difficulty of holding meetings when the officers elected are spread throughout the country. A possible solution: regional chapters.

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The chaperons present at the convention talked of forming a committee to discuss with the officers of the junior council on the matter of their participation in the convention discussions.

On Thursday afternoon sports events: basketball, head delegates vs outgoing officers, and inter-delegation matches; volleyball, inter-delegation matches.

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Keep those rooms clean! A contest is now in progress to determine the most well-kept room. Judges: (it's a secret)

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Tonight, a literary-musical contest will be held at the social hall. Each delegation will make a musical, literary, dramatic, etc., presentation must be submitted to Cesar Padilla, at the CMLI Secretariat, before noon today.

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With a total of 600 registered delegates, observers and chaperons, the attendance at the 11th Annual Children's Museum and Library, Inc., Convention marked the highest in 12 years of its existence.

The CMLI Convention began yesterday with the arrival at Baguio City of delegates from all over the nation in 8 Pantranco busloads. Billeted at Quirino Hall in Teacher's Camp, they will discuss various issues related to the theme of the Convention, "A SEARCH FOR REFORMIST IDEALS".

Speakers at the 6-day confab include national figures who will deal on different topics: political, economic, social, religious, etc. These include, former Sen. Manuel P. Manahan, Mr. Jose M. Barredo, Jr., Atty. Enrique Voltaire Garcia III, Mr. Rogelio W. Manalo and Dr. Nemesio E. Prudente.

The Convention was preceded by the Youth Constitutional Convention, sponsored by the CMLI, held in Manila, Saturday September 13, 1969.

Do or Don'ts in Camp

1. Use the trash cans. They are there for your use.
2. Fix your beds before leaving your room.
3. Give your clothes for laundering or for pressing only to authorized persons.
4. Do not leave valuables in your room. The camp is not responsible for any losses inside it.
5. Do not smoke inside your room. It may disturb the others.
6. Do not drink liquor inside your room.
7. Boys are not allowed to enter girls' rooms or vice-versa except for special or official reasons.

Revolution (?)

The nation's youth is not in ferment. True activists constitute only a small minority of "revolutionary youth." The impression that the young people of today are involved in a realistic search for healthy change has been gleaned from the overt expression of dissatisfaction by this admittedly active minority.

A reason for the absence of productive involvement on the part of many potential activists is a pure and simple lack of depth understanding of issues involved.

It is therefore in this idea that we find the basic value of a convention such as this, a convention designed to acquaint student leaders on important, current issues and conditions. Our task here is to learn, that we may participate fully in the revolution of the youth.

- Dean Bocobo

THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH
THROUGH THE CMLI

The present youth can be characterized as youth seekers, full of dynamism and daring to stand up for their rights. This can be attested by the vacant massive demonstrations, rallies and walkouts, which have been joined in by different colleges and universities.

This youth characteristic is quite beneficial, for they learn to develop the spirit of activism and dynamism and to firmly believe what they think is really right. Surely, the government of tomorrow will be run by the young, active breed to the best of their abilities. They can apply knowledge learned in high school conventions and conferences, backed by an experience gathered in associations sponsoring such conventions. And one of the student morale boosters is the Children's Museum and Library, Inc.

Through the CMLI, students learn to be fully aware of the national welfare and problems confronting it. For 12 long years, it has been encouraging students to take notice of present issues and has been giving the youth chances to express their idealism regarding government affairs.

The youth of yesterday is different from today's breed. For worthy organizations such as CMLI has made them, more open minded. The CMLI will continue to mold students into useful Filipino citizens through its noble aims.

Antonio C. Domondon IV-1
Delegate, Sergio Osmeña High
Quezon City

One chief point of friction and antagonism that has plagued nearly all inter-school conventions to date has been the wall of indifference between the ever-present public and private school sectors.

That it exists cannot be doubted. It quietly seethes, to the mute awareness of almost everyone, a vacuum desiring to be filled. And it would take more than a mere sympathethis word or gesture to bridge the chasm.

The class-motivated haught and uncommunicativeness that often manifest themselves when students from different intellectual and social atmospheres are brought to meet and work with each other appear to be utterly ridiculous, if not altogether damning. For one to dissociate himself from others necessarily because the latter does not reach up to his standards of flamboyance and sophistication would be to haphazardly try at preserving his sanctum of classism.

A number of private schools have greatly enjoyed an inner feeling of superiority over their public school counterparts, who most usually are handicapped with the lack of basic knowledge and arguments, and are thus prone to mere relegation to the discussions background. They have even somehow succeeded in almost permanently asserting their intellectual superiority.

On the other hand, public schools have seemingly resigned themselves to what has been in store for them. Self-pity, compounded with the faults of apathy and the lack of self-confidence, have pronounced sentence on this sector. Although the irrevocability of such an event is yet to be tested. The public schools students have tended to be fiercely defensive against the private school threat of total encroachment.

Out of all this, one sees no tangible sign of effective communication between the two sectors. Communication is essentially a two-way process. It heals wounds caused by this barrier of indifference itself, and provides us a springboard for productive cooperation. We cannot merely coexist, we should cooperate and coproduce. Thus can harmony be achieved. Love, baby!

This convention cannot truly succeed when the abyss between its component factors remains unbridged. To erase such a gap would be the responsibility of everyone.

The time to act is now.

Jose Dalisay, Jr.
Philippine Science High School
Quezon City

Expectations, Anyone?

To know the minds of the delegates concerned here, a number were picked at random and were asked as to what they expect to gain.

RAMON PUNZALAN of RAMON MAGSAYSAY CUBAO HIGH SCHOOL comments on the success of the organization. He hopes to learn pointers on legislation, and is looking forward to a wonderful experience in meeting people from all over the Philippines.

To meet lots of people and to learn something new like "reformist ideals" she has never heard before are what SARAH HERNANDEZ of Saint Scholastica's Marikina is looking forward to.

PERLITA PANAPOL of Basilan City High School wants to gather ideas effective leadership.

On the other hand, JOJI REMULLA of Letran College expects to see the fulfillments of the goals of the CMLI in terms of real actions and not only words.

American School's SHUKONG OU has this to say. "I guess since this is a national affair, with a very good over - all representation of different areas in the Philippines, there will be very many fruitful results. I'll have a deeper insight into what things are like in different parts of the Philippines."

LULETTE MORAN of Saint Theresa's College, Baguio City desires to learn about leadership from good speakers for the benefit of the students of her school.

EVELYN PAEL of Baybay High School, Baybay Leyte and Abner Asturias of Claro M. Recto High School share in their desire to gain more friends and to be good student leaders afterwards.

"I expect to get enlightenment about reforms being initiated by our government and what we can get from these reforms," remarks MARIO MAMON of La Salle High School, Lipa City.

MARLU FENOY of E. Rodriguez Jr. High School, Mayon, Q. C. also has something to say: "Being a first time to attend this convention, I expect to gain experience. Not just an ordinary experience but something unusual. I also expect to have sufficient training for leadership, and of course the most important to meet and befriend people".

Compiled by:
JETH & BUN

Action Line

Report any loss or complaint immediately to the INFORMATION table. Several have already benefitted.

THE FIRST DAY

It is always at the first day when one is full of ambivalent thoughts and feelings in a convention like this. Perhaps it is because of the very long and tiring trip one has just gone through, and thus, weariness sets itself in one's bones. However, we all know that this is not the one and only reason for our present states of mind.

I am sure that I cannot speak for all the delegates who are here in this convention, but nevertheless, there are some things I have in mind which other delegates might be thinking of at this same moment. We have all come here to discuss an issue which even our adult counterparts might find difficult to talk about. We doubt whether what we say and do here in these next few days will really mean anything. Some of us (myself included) may have just come here to experience the trials and joys which inevitably come with a convention such as this. But it must mean more than simply this. Something of a sixth sense tells us that all of us here have a duty to perform. This duty must come, and definitely, will come, ahead of our endeavors to meet new faces, gain new friends, and enjoy the cool and often very wet environment that Baguio offers. This duty is to learn more of the issue which we are to discuss, to express our opinions concerning the matter, and to gain the much needed interest in the affairs of our nation. The revelation of this duty will come in time. For myself, it came during the "first day".

LEO TEEHANKEE
La Salle Greenhills

THE DISCRIMINATING SELECTION OF THE CONVENTION THEME

That the convention's theme this year is timely, well selected, and relevant is obvious and justified by the plight of the Philippine scene. These days, reforms stemming from the traditionality and coloniality of the different moral and spiritual, political, socio-economic, and educational good and bad aspects of the archipelago are being carefully, intelligently, and nationalistically pondered and studied by the country's militant and vigorous youth,

We need to cure the sickness of our ailing society if we are to advance as a progressive stock of people through the resolutions and course of actions which will surely spring from a very revolutionary (a bloodless one) and discriminatingly chosen theme such: "The Search for Reformist Ideals."

Thomas S. Choy, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief, The Gold Reed
Official School organ of E. Quirino
High School

Meet The Junior Council Officers

It's convention time once more, and our CMLI delegates are all here to share with us experiences for the next few days. The participation and spirit of each delegate will be a great help towards the affair's success but the greatest credit goes to the CMLI officers who have made possible our being here right now.

Rodel Rodis - our rebel president he is always ready to share his revolutionary ideas those who might care to listen.

Art Boquer - everywhere at all times, Art has been responsible for the billeting so those who have complaints, you know who to approach . . .

Dean Bocobo - the newsletter's under his charge . . . that's why we cannot say anything more . . .

Rolly Torres - he's the quiet type, but once you get to really know him . . . well, find out for yourself!

Jun Katipunan - last year's proxy and a soft-spoken tiger.

David Joco - a pretty serious guy who jokes a lot.

Rommel Menikan - its easy for Rommel to find something funny in anything . . . even in the hardest work, fun can be found.

Mario Mina & Cesar Padilla - the Mutt & Jeff of the team . . . I wonder if their personalities are the same?

Godofredo Capito - CMLI'S "GOD" God! God! Never mind if its corny, just laugh!

MORE IMPORTANT (Of course) the girls

Wilma Yumping - though she's not present with us, she helped a great deal in the preparation - she's the sweet girl to whom the poem "SHE" in the CMLI mag is dedicated to . . .

Rowena Morales - our teen princess truly a princess in all things . . .

Jeanne Ng - simplicity & friendliness are here essence, she is also hard-working, besides.

Beth Espino - our first teen princess, and still here with us, as interested as ever! Proof enough that she is really dedicated to CMLI, isn't it?

IMPRESSIONS

It is a refreshing experience to see youth in action. It is good to have many more of these conventions and dialogues to enable us to hear from the young and to learn from them.

Lourdes C. Singson
Consultant, Department
of Education

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This is my 4th year as chaperone of R. Magsaysay High School and every year, I come, I always find improvements in the way the conference is managed and this year I would like to congratulate the people behind it for its very orderly management

(Miss) Socorro delos Santos

The camp is alive with eager future leaders. The young ones were ready for the tour. Unluckily the scheduled guided tour was put off. They want to know why.

The receptionists are polite and efficient.

Magdalena Castellon
Batanes National High School, Chaperon

Literary-Musical TONIGHT

Delegations interested to join the Literary-musical contests, which will be held at 7:30 this evening, may submit their entries of either literary or musical presentation, before noon.

Literary entries may include either a declamation, an oration or dramatics.

Musical presentations may include a vocal, instrumental or a dance (folk or foreign) which may be performed by an individual or a group.

Each delegation is allowed to have only one entry in either literary or musical. A contestant is given a time limit of not less than 2 minutes and not more than 3 minutes, (maximum time limit -- 3 minutes). When the time is up, the contestant will have to step, finish or not finish.

Each category will be awarded three prizes.

Delegates who will not be able to present their prepared number may do so during such occasion as socials and bonfire.



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Manahan Addresses Delegates

NEWS TIDBITS

Yesterday, Mayor Luis Lardizabal of Baguio City, welcomed the CMLI delegates to the City of the Pines. It was quite a greeting: chuckful of anecdotes.

In the afternoon Mr. Jose M. Barredo talked on Moral and Spiritual Reforms, followed by division into groups of the delegates and discussion.

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The sports events for today include basketball and volleyball, featuring the officers vs. head delegates in a do-or-die basketball match this afternoon.

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The chaperons have formed their own discussion groups.

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Sing-Out Baguio City tonight.

DECLAMATION

- 1st Caloocan High School
- 2nd Pag-asa High School
- 3rd Leyte High School

ORATORICAL

- 1st Negros Occidental High School
- 2nd Ramon Magsaysay High School
- 3rd St. Louis University, Baguio

DRAMATICS

- 1st Philippine Women's College, Davao
- 2nd St. Theresa's College, Manila
- 3rd Andres Bonifacio High School

SINGING

- 1st E. Rodriguez High School
- 2nd Tagudin High School
- 3rd La Salle Lipa

VOCAL SOLO

- 1st La Carlota City High School
- 2nd Cagayan Valley Institute of Technology
- 3rd Philippine Science High School

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

- 1st La Salette of Jones
- 2nd St. Scholastica's Marikina
- 3rd Bayambang National High School

DANCE

- 1st Digos Provincial High School
- 2nd Cotabato High School
- 3rd Agusan High School

"We need you strong-willed, dedicated young people who will make reforms, share knowledge and material wealth to our people."

With these words PRRM President Manuel P. Manahan expressed the need for the youth of the land to participate in the task of helping the Filipino masses, as he gave the keynote address of the 11th Annual CMLI Convention before some 600 delegates, observers, and chaperons.

To search for reformist ideals, Manahan said, is to look back to contemporary history. He contrasted the present conditions and political leaders with those during the late Pres. Quezon's time.

The mantle of leadership at present is granted only to the political elite. As a result, most bills in Congress are motivated by vested interests instead of providing for the genuine desire to provide the needs of the poor Filipinos living in what he called "sub-marginal conditions."

The Central Luzon Study Commission, head cited that because of this gross poverty votes can be bought in some provinces for P250 in some provinces of the country. This according to him reduces politics to a battle between millionaires.

In asserting that we must die for a faith, and not for a doubt, he emphasized the need for elevating the living conditions of the barrio folk, understandably helpless before the injustices of the present system.

The common Filipinos are capable of helping themselves and the nation as a whole. This the PRRM head illustrated by citing the success of newly established consumer cooperatives in the province of Nueva Ecija.

Lingering on the present problem of mass poverty, he pointed out that the present conditions are preparing the ground for a bloody revolution. He asserts that it will take no more than a 15% increase in the already soaring unemployment rate to bring this about. All the pre-conditions exist: corruption of the government, justice denied the masses, great gaps between the rich and poor, government unresponsiveness to the people's needs, an army whose indoctrination is geared toward political aims, and the great number of unemployed.

Editorial

ON CONVENTION CONDUCT

On the whole, the convention has been going well. Though this may be an over-used cliché, it is asserted with sincerity; the participation is encouraging, camp rules are well-enough observed, the schedule has been followed, and lost articles have been returned.

There is, however, an area that must be improved, that of conduct during the talk and speeches. In general, audience decorum has been commendable. Still there have been isolated incidents of clapping in unison and uncalled for remarks and mimicry.

Also, a couple of delegates leave the Social Hall when they don't want to listen to a particular speaker. They, however, miss important announcements after speeches.

These practices must stop, at least for the sake of etiquette.

Dean Bocobo

ON THE SEARCH FOR REFORMIST IDEALS

Demonstrations have seemed to become our only weapon in demanding our rights, privileges and changes from our administrators. Demonstrations have become a picture of shattered windows, wounded students, mauled policemen and worst of all violent death of precious young men. Are these the signs of peaceful reforms Rizal wanted the young men to have? Certainly, not, an exact reverse! A violent reform.

Our Nation Today is in search for reformist ideals. Young men who can lead peaceful reformation which would make our country into a more progressive and self-sufficient public. The unfulfilled aspiration of our nations haunt our young minds. The country's graft and corruption has seized the little wealth we have; the injustices and insecurity have led us to become violent reformists.

Let us give a little thought to men like Luther and Rizal whose best weapon for reformation were their intelligence. They demanded reasonable and practical changes - changes which were, and will be good for the entire citizenry. But what has become of our young reformists? Their ideals are only suited to their cause without considering their effect on our group society. Young reformists can or may demand fundamental changes as long as these changes are still within the scope of democracy.

Brutal force or weapons used for reformation defeat our purpose but intelligence and courage make our ideals victorious. I firmly believe with Rizal who said. "On this battlefield of lifemen has no better weapon than his intelligence, and no great strength than his heart."

Now, in this convention it is our chance to realize what we are here for. As future leaders of our nation, we are to discuss and get involved in the theme, - "The search for Reformist Ideals". Could we in the convention be ideal reformist.

Santiago G. Manalon
Pangasinan College
of Fisheries

THE SECOND DAY

It's already our second day and I find it good. After we have rested, it was followed by enjoyment then. We met different people of different schools. I'm sure I can talk for all the delegates present in this convention. We have all come here to train as good leader, you know.

The convention is a very nice experience in meeting people from all over the Philippines.

Teresita Adans Tolentino
Ramon Magsaysay (Cubao)
High School

REFORMIST IDEALS FOR CHAPERONS, TOO

The Convention workshop this year is novel in two ways - upon mutual agreement between the Conference Director and the Junior Council officers, the delegates' work groups carried on their discussions without the assistance or even the presence of resource persons. In previous years the chaperons as well as the past Junior Council members acted as consultants but because the delegates wanted to feel more free in their deliberations, they requested that as a matter of experiment, they would have no consultants and this was done. In this afternoon's workshop on Area I, "Reforms in Moral and Spiritual Values," No chaperon was present in the junior's group sessions.

The chaperon instead were invited by Atty. Gregorio to have a separate workshop of their own at the Albert Mess Hall on the same topic. Atty. Gregorio suggested this session with the chaperons so that they could also contribute their own ideas on such a very vital topic as "The Search for Reformist Ideals". Judging from their discussions, the chaperons, by their sharing of ideas could gather enough material to lead intelligently an echo convention or seminar when they return to their respective schools.

Elected chairman for this afternoon's session was Mr. Roberto Catling of La Salle Green Hills and rapporteur was Mrs. Guillermo Ma. M. Garcia of the Davao City High School.

Try not to be chosen, try to choose
Always try to win and not to lose
Live for honesty and love and truth.

Fools!

Words on yellowed parchments half erased
Speaking for some rotted corpse ~~once~~
praised

Is ~~this~~ where your dreams and hopes are
placed?
Imbeciles!

Why do you continue to insist
Love, peace, contentment still exist?
Hatred has more power to persist.

Madmen!

Go and dream to do what humans can't
Brave but foolish men don't understand
That the rock will crumble into sand.

No one wins, and anyone can lose
From this evil game of life ensues
Falsehoods that grow stronger than the
truth.

Good Men,

Love and praise and glorify your own
Tell of happier days that you have known--
Skylarks too, tomorrow will have flown

Dreamers . . .

Keep on dreaming, for the world will die
In a moment if you should deny
Misty memories of love gone by

So.

Shukong Ou
American School

ACTION LINE

There ought to be something done
about the girl's bathroom on the second
floor. It's dirty and inconvenient to
use.

Waste cans needed in rooms 209 also
an extra cot.

We thought there was going to be hot
water. Where is it? All we've felt is
ice cold water!

Gert Peralta
St. Scho.

Marlene Alapo has found a rectangular
handbag belonging to Marsulta Java.

The owner has claimed the purse.

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A small purple girl's wallet has been
turned in to the CMLI Secretariat Person-
nel. Owner please claim.

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Rodrigo Valerio has turned in an envelope
he found, belonging to Ken Uy.
Ken is eternally grateful.

-oOo-

No. 1 rule in your article "Dos or
Don'ts in Camp" reads: Use the trash cans,
They are for your use. Are they? Frankly
speaking there is NO trash can in Room 202.
Or, are we not supposed to be supplied with
them?

LOIDA VITAN

St. Joseph's College
Room 202

As They See It . . .

The students I am accompanying are
bright but they are all shy, however, they
are glad they were selected to represent
their school in this convention. They do
not only actually see and experience for
themselves what they read about Baguio but
they are also exposed to a golden opportu-
nity of meeting friends from all over the
country. I am pretty sure they will be
very much benefited by this convention.
They will go home much reformed and much
richer in ideas.

Miss Ri alina J. Galang
Chaperon, Cabiao High Sch.
Cabiao, Nueva Ecija

From the eye-opening talks of Mayor
Lardizabal, CMLI Junior Council President
Rodis, Senator Manahan, and Mr. Jose M.
Barredo, it is imperative that the appli-
cation of the shot-in-the-arm reformist
ideals must be NOW.

The CMLI delegates should therefore
not only transmit those ideals to the 98
schools and communities they represent
but also lovingly and sacrificingly share
their talents, resources, and time with
unrepresented unfortunate millions. The
latter must be helped NOW. "Lift them-
selves up" and "break out of their egg-
shells" if we have to avoid an impending
bloody revolution.

- The Tagudin General Compre-
hensive High School
Audio P. Narciso

CARD OF THANKS

A lot of thanks is extended to the
Keynote speaker, former senator and PRRM
President Manuel P. Manahan, for having
said so much of our humble province in
his speech. The delegates and chaperons
representing different schools from all
over the country have come to know that
not only Huks are there but also ideas
and examples worthy of emulation.

Cabiao High Sch. Delegations
Nueva Ecija

~ Delegated Poetry ~

OVERHEARD POETRY

Delegate 1:- What do you think of the food?
2:- The same stuff I ate as a Red Guard trainee.

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Delegate 1:- Have you taken a bath?
2:- Why? I didn't know they took bath in Siberia.

-oOo-

Delegate 1:- Are you cold?

(Again) 1:- Are you cold?

(Again) 2:- (no dialogue

3: - Don't talk to frozen persons.

-oOo-

J.V. to the Photographer: I have a terrific picture for you to take?

Photographer: Where?

J.V.: Me

-oOo-

Male Chaperon: Howmany delegates are you bringing?

Female Chaperon: Five

Male Chaperon: Then I'll also bring five along.

Female Chaperon: Please add one more for me.

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Sojit to Gigi: Are you running for Teen Prince?

Gigi: No

Boy: Yes he is . . . running for Thin Prince

Sarah Hernandez
St. Scholastica's Academy
Marikina, Rizal

People chase you to be killed,
Killed, no, my friend, I give you life,
Life if you continue raiding meals,
Meals and drinks scattered make the wife's head hot.
Come on, start your menace,
Go, to the refrigerator, attack!

Mosquito!

Pride of the dark, beauty of the sky!

Mouse!

Scourge of the kitchen, master of the night!

I adore you two,
You're my gold mine, riches and wealth,
You're the pulse of this hand, mind and heart,
I can't survive without you.

I, am nothing,
I, am no one
I, depend on you
I, mosquito-net weaver, mouse trap maker.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Fog oozing out, blanketing the morning;
Telling me there is much hope of forthcoming
And I need not worry about the day
Come what difficulties may . . .

Noon . . . the sun's rays are like daggers
Piercing through my skin and wavers
Through my eyes-- it shines bold;
Yet the surroundings are cold . . .

Raindrops, washing down the light
Of the afternoon, bringing for the night -
Cleansing down the sins committed by
sinful Davey
Preaching - 'Be a good boy, be saintly!

The dark, cold night lulls everybody,
cradles me
To sleep-but I do not feel sleepy.
I worry about Monday, another strife
Yet I must not -- I've still got a couple
of days to be lived in my life.

Luisito-Romeo M. Correa,
IV-2

Philippine College of Commerce

A POUTPOURRI OF EXPERIENCE

Being a CMLI delegate is an exciting challenging time consuming frustrating (?) exhausting and wonderful experience (If you want to add more adjectives, please feel free.)

Having to assemble at the Pantranco station at 5:00 A.M. or earlier, seemed to be an impossible task. After all, we ever heard of a normal, warm-blooded teen-ager making up at that hour! The trip gave the delegates a chance to meet each other -- or didn't you know?

Arriving at the teacher's Camp, the head delegates were asked to register. Again, problems arose too heavy (Is there a thief in the house? fatigue-stricken delegates (is there a doctor in the house?); nostalgia - stricken delegates (Is there a mommy/daddy pet dog in the house?; etc. Anyway, it wasn't all that bad ... I think.

The water is another thing --BRRRRR. I think thats self-explanatory... the food is palatable despite some complaints.

The delegates ! PR is A-OK! But we still have to see if they'll remain the same till Sunday. What do you think of the public-private school discrimination?

One thing to have in mind is not to expect too much. We're all only human. Just relish the experience right?

MARLENE RAMISCAL

St. Joseph's College

Ikaw... CMLI

Ikaw CMLI ay isang samahan
Na sadyang nilikha para sa sangkatauhan
At ang adhikain mo'y tumulong sa kabataan
Upang sila'y maging karapatdapat sa bayan

Ikaw CMLI ay may dakilang adhika,
Kaya't ikaw'y pinagpala ng Poong Bathala,
Sa buong sandaigdigan ikaw'y tinitingala,
Pagka't sa bawa't puso ay tunay kang dakila.

Ikaw CMLI ay waring may buhay,
Pagka't ang mithi mo kami ay magtagumpay,
Hindi mo nais na kaming mapalungayngay,
Kaya't ang sigaw namin, CMLI mabuhay.

Corazon T. Sison
A. Bonifacio High School
Caloocan City

Con't. . from Page 1 (Manahan addresses...)

Former Sen. Manahan ended his speech with a call to the delegates for greater participation of the youth in the alleviating of the plight of the masses.

Notes on Friendship

Here are several witty remarks concerning a very well-discussed question....

WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP?

Friendship is an inspiring gesture of happiness

An meen Paraan
Baguio City High School

Friendship is someone picking white daisies for you even when it's raining

Gemma Mariano
St. Paul's College, Q. C.

Friendship is establishing good relationships between fellowmen

Angeli Cuison
Dagupan City High School

Friendship is getting along-with others...

Reynaldo Fulgencio
Araneta U. Foundation
High School

Friendship is a part of enjoyment

Ben Gadja
Basilan City High School

Friendship is that which keeps the world turning

Jun Lopez
La Salle Green Hills

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Garcia Harps on Reform

NEWS TIDBITS

The delegates of CMLI Convention yesterday planted new life in Teachers' Camp with the planting of pious shoots near Roxas Hall. The reforestation drive has been an added lift!

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Judging starts today for the Most Orderly Room Contest. To be inspected: bed spreads, floors, baggage, behaviour of occupants, etc.

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Yesterday, a combined Junior Council head delegates basketball squad defeated a selection from Tagudin, E. Rodriguez and high schools, 34-25. Earlier, a Letran - San Sebastian combine thrashed the La Salle five, 20-14, and a team from the University of San Carlos out-gunned the players of an American School-Philippine Science High School coalition.

No, official volleyball matches were held.

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THE SEARCH FOR THE 1970 FILIPINO TEENAGE AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL IS ON! - INTERESTED PARTIES APPLY AT THE SECRETARIAT.

SING-OUT BAGUIO CITY

In this world where so many people are talking of violence and death, there remains these relatively small few who have both the enthusiasm and idealism which was vividly shown to us yesterday by a group of young men and women who came from various schools in Baguio. The presentation was organized by Sister Rosary of the Good Shepherd Convent. The whole movement actually started in the United States and quickly caught fire all over the world and the Philippines was not an exception and certainly not Baguio City which formed Sing-Out Baguio.

The major part of the program was composed of songs all of which had different message to tell but all these messages would be merged into one general theme. This theme is that we must change our attitude towards the seemingly hopelessness of our world. When they sang "A Time for Change" they were actually telling us that we should not talk about death and violence

but rather what we can do to light spark of hope for our future. When they sang "Just

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Atty. Enrique Voltaire Garcia II, Chief counsel of the Senate committee on justice, was guest speaker at the second plenary session of the 11th Annual CMLI convention.

In contrast to the light introductory remarks, Garcia opened his speech proper dealing with political and economic imperatives at the Constitutional Convention, with a most serious note.

"The 1971 Constitutional Convention could very well be our last chance for peaceful change."

Garcia said he would propose two basic changes at the constitutions commission, namely, general political independence and the restructuring of the economy.

Garcia said that all offenses committed on Philippine territory should be under Philippine jurisdiction. He cited the Moomey case as only one of at least 36 cases of Americans killing Filipinos and being acquitted, because all have been tried by American Courts.

He considers the first task of the Constitutional Convention to see to it that all the parity rights provided for in the Laurel-Langley Agreement are abrogated upon the latter's termination in 1974. He stressed the significance of the constitution to be formulated in 1971 by calling it "the first genuine Philippine Constitution of this country." It would not be subjected to the limitations imposed when the present constitution was drafted in 1935. He called the latter a constitution with a colonial character" after it was subjected to the approval of the then American President Roosevelt and not by the Filipino people.

Garcia approved the proposals of lowering the voting age to 18 and changing the tenure of office of the President, but pointed out that these and many others like them are merely formal changes which would not solve the basic problems of the nation.

He asserted that we must divert our

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Editorial

"LAKWATSA"

It is but human that many take advantage of the relative freedom of activity granted us by the Convention's schedule and organization. It is but human that we are attracted to the beckoning features of this beautiful Baguio City; but human to roam its streets and visit its scenic spots and shop at its stores even during convention hours.

But we are called to a task that demands a resisting of human weaknesses. The search for reformist ideals precludes a reformation of ourself: a discipline of one's human tendencies in an effort to fulfill this task at hand.

All we have is six short days, and the urgency of reform demands of us a total dedication to our work. There can be little time for anything else.

ACTION LINE

It was announced that ladies who wish to visit men should stay at the living room unless there is a necessity. I wish to call the attention of ladies to please practice the courtesy of knocking at the door before they enter the room of the gentlemen.

Mariano Viernes
Head delegate - La Salette
of Jones
Room 101

To the one who found my Green Folder
-- Thanking you so much for such an honest deed.

Mrs. Gloria del Rosario
Odiong Christian School
Davao

As I've observed last night during the literary and musical contests, the audience were not behaving very well. They kept on shouting and laughing at the contestants' mistakes. I think we should have a little order during such gathering.

Julie
Centro Escolar University

We were told that water shortage would not be a problem during the convention. But it seems that the water in the shower rooms are running out. Since water is a great necessity for the health, how about doing something about it?

Chite Cusi
La Salle Green Hills

We observe that we are not following the schedule of our program as it was placed in our program papers and that we don't have time for breaks and we are late during the group discussions. Suppose we will follow our scheduled program of activities strictly to facilitate time?

Augusto Donglal
Mountain Agricultural
College, La Trinidad

THE UGLY COMMISSION CHAIRMEN

Commission workshops are one of the best practice grounds for group dynamics-- for working together, aiming at the same goal. They are the units of institution from which the decisions of all the CMLI delegates come, in fulfillment of our theme for this conference: "The Search for Reformist Ideals." Yet, some commission workshop chairmen must have read the theme as "The Search of the Commission Chairmen for Reformist Ideals."

Needless to say, the decisions of the commission workshops must be the decisions of the whole body. On the contrary, the decisions of most, if not all, of the commission workshops are the decisions of the chairmen (and their friends). Indeed, the chairmen monopolize the commission workshop discussions. They take opportunity of their privilege of eternally having the floor in their respective commission workshop assemblies. They discourage member participation in the workshop discussions by calling only the friends to whom they are close (and generally, they have just a few participants, since only a few of the commission workshop members are their friends). They do so because they want their names to be placed in almost all of the resolutions their respective commission workshops pass.

Even though many members want to participate in the discussions, their discouraging attitudes prevent the members to take active participation in the group discussions.

If you will just look closely at every workshop, you will surely find most of the commission workshop chairmen monopolizing the discussions.

Reform! Reform the ugly commission workshop chairmen immediately!

Luisito-Ramos M. Correa
Philippine College of Commerce
Laboratory High School

SING OUT ! (from page 1)

"Light A Little Candle" the implication presented was it would definitely be better to look forward to a bright future than to look back to a dim past. And they sang "Up, Up, With People". They were expressing that inspite of the faults of people, we have to face the fact that they are an essential part of our lives and that we could look forward to then not only for faults out also capabilities for success. All the other songs more or less emanated the same meaning.

Audience participating started out with a bang when "UP, UP, With People" among which many of the delegates already know thus they were asked to stand up and sing with the singers on the stage. But when the second part came, the feeling of openness and friendliness overwhelmed the audience and when the same song was sung again some members actually went up to the extent of walking up the stage and joined the sing out.

If this is not an example of youth togetherness then we don't know that to call it. We would like to think of this event as a symbol of what we can achieve in this convention. If we can act as one in the same manner as yesterday's programs which was bombastically performed then not only will this convention be successful, but each and every member of the convention will bear the message which was given to us in the "Sing-Out-Baguio." And that message in this world is only what we can make of it.

Leo Teehankee & Maria
Martinez, La Salle Green
Hills

ON THAT CONTEST

The Teen Prince and the Teen Princess contest is not merely a popularity contest but one where personality and ideas of the individual contestants are compared with each other. One of its purposes is to train delegates in the art of social grace. The candidates are asked to pace back and forth in front of the judges critical eyes and to show off their best assets to the fullest. For a few days they are put in a sort of "consciousness ordeal." The aspirants should be aware of the eyes that more than occasionally fall on them. The judges believe that one's actions reveal much of one's personality and that is precisely why they observe the aspirants.

That's not all. There are also interviews wherein one is expected to be quick, witty, and, of course, smart. These tests serve as dependable criteria for the judges nod or not. They tell much of one's assets and liabilities.

THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

Mini skirts, pantsuits, bellbottoms, tight pants, demonstrations, and strikes, these are the brands of today's youth. They wear the latest in fashion. Boys go for the latest in haircuts and the girls for the long hair with bangs. They are as different from the youth of yesterday, who were so decent and neat in appearance, timid, and shy.

Today's youths are very active and out-spoken. They express their thoughts openly. They have unity and cooperations traits which make operational moves and projects successful. They are conscious of current issues happening around them. They take them seriously and will not hesitate to resort to demonstrations, strikes or even violence to achieve their purpose in bringing their grievances to the attention of those concerned whether it be social or national issues.

Just like any ordinary person they have their shortcomings. But not all of them are still the hopes of the Fatherland. Just consider around the whole world the libraries, educational and recreational centers and projects undertaken by youth, and you will realize that the hopes of tomorrow lie in the youth, the young reformists and the peace-makers.

Ma. Socorro V. Anatalio

3-12, Manila Central University

POETRY CONTEST

FINISH THE UNFINISHED
(a literary contest)

Hey, you there, nodding sleepily your head
Hey, you there, did you hear what I just said?
Hey, you there, you're alive, not sick or dead,
Hey, you there, get this through your silly head:
(. . . Finish this poem with at most 16 lines, and win 2 prizes).

Criterion:

- originality
- significance and appropriateness of message
- consistency with the above lines.

All who wish to join the contest must submit their entries to the Secretariat not later than 6:00 P.M. today! Prizes!

Miscellany

The chilly air suddenly enveloped our cozy room and made me sit down with trembling knees and put on my jacket; I went near the window and viewed the foggy site down below, laughing faces going around, stately pine trees, and big, sweet scented flowers fresh with morning dewdrops. Then I remembered home, my mom, dad and my friends away there in Manila. I sighed - this is life. I am now here, what more can I do but to perform all the given tasks to me? And I felt again the cold air.

... I don't want to have to leave this place again - but I can't do anything. Sooner or later, we have to part and leave this place where we gathered and shared laughter, where we met - troubles forgotten. It's so sad we have to part so soon. I wanted to cry but I couldn't - only a cowardly man sheds tears and I should stand bravely where I am, but deep within me, I'm hurt - I'm hurt - - I'm hurt to see you leave ...

To All CMLI Delegates, by!

Norma M. Villorante
Caloocan High School
Caloocan City

The discussion groups are well underway but in some there seems to be a misconception as to what we should be discussed and doing. The main issues seem to be turning into "resolution forms" (at least one!!) rather than really discussing the topic at hand. Please note that it is NOT required that a "resolution form" be turned in each day - only when you feel one is really important. A report as to what's discussed is sufficient. Come on, let's forget about the pen and paper, concentrate on really talking and the bringing out of ideas!

Ann Russell
H. S. Delegate

The accommodations at the Teachers' Camp are wonderful. This is the best conference I've attended wherein the accommodations are very well planned thanks to the CMLI and those responsible for this success.

Ruel Azarrado
Negros Occ. H. S.
Bacolod City

Courteous gentlemen and charming young ladies greet everywhere with either a pleasant smile or a warm greeting which never fails to warm my heart. I feel right at

home even if some displayed quite the opposite thing. The group discussions and the fiery speeches have stimulated if not encouraged me to voice out any crazy opinions I can think of.

Carmelita Yadao
Davao City High School
Davao City

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"We're getting to know you" - that's from the Davao City High School delegation. This is our first time to attend the CMLI conference and we hope that this conference will give us a real experience and that we may be of help to our search for reformist ideals.

Marilyn Anna
Davao City High School
Davao City

IMPRESSIONS

This being my first time, I am happy to see the young in motion, especially the officers of the CMLI Junior Council.

To then, my congratulations!

However, I regret to say that there exists a "Pine Curtain" (Let's call it this way since we are in the City of Pines) between the public and private school students, more particularly those from so-called exclusive schools. Thus, the poor students from public schools in Manila, Quezon City, and Suburbs and from unknown public schools in the provinces find themselves utterly ignored by their fellow students who have the good fortune to be in such exclusive schools. Why is this so? Why can't the latter be a little more friendly to students from public schools?

This situation should be thoroughly discussed during one of the Group Sessions. In this aspect alone, there must be REFORM! Anyway, this convention aims to search for reforms.

Mrs. Sylvia S. Rieza
Jose Panganiban H. S.
Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte

Garcia (from page 1)

attention from these formal changes to genuinely needed political, economic change.

BAGUIO

O Baguio, lunsod kang pinagpala,
 Ng kamay at kalikasan ni Bathala
 Sa buhay mo'y hapisan ang lahat yata,
 Ang ganda at katangia'y pambihira.

Tanawin mo ay puri at karangalan,
 Ang bundok mo'y may ginto at kayamanan.
 Sa ulo mo'y may talinu't karunungan,
 Dangal nitong ating bansang sinilangan.

Kaya, Baguio, o lunsod na sinisinta,
 Ikaw'y aming mamahalin sa tuwina,
 Tutulaan ng tula ko sa pagsamba,
 Aawitan ng awit ko sa pagsinta.

Kaya Baguio, o lunsod na sinisinta,
 Ikaw'y aming mamahalin sa tuwina,
 Sisikapin na umunlad ka't madambana,
 Sa mata, at pusc ng ibang bansa.

Santiago G. Manalon
 Pangasinan College
 of Fisheries
 Binmaley, Pangasinan

SMILES

There are smiles that are winsome
 There are smiles that are dry.
 There are smiles that could bring
 laughter
 There are smiles that make us cry.

There are smiles that like the spring time
 Give us sunshine everyday
 There are smiles that like the tempest
 Stop the wanderer on his way.

There are smiles that come and vanish
 Like shadows in a dream
 Then we pause to think and wonder
 What, Oh, just what can they mean?

But the smile I shall remember
 Is the sweetest smile of a friend
 Who is true, and loyal
 One that lingers till the end

Amelita C. Loderico
 Nueva Vizcaya High School
 Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya

A QUESTION

Dearest, how can I let you know
 that my life's full of sorrow?

LITERARY

SOLILOQUY

To be or not to be: that is the question
 Whether 'tis foolish of the mind to suffer
 The delusions and hallucinations of LSD
 Or to meditate with Maharishi Yogi
 To end your problems and live Hap'ly ever
 after

(With apologies to Laurence Olivier and
 Shakespeare)

To take a trip and sleep no more,
 And by a trip we say we end
 The heartaches and the thousand uncapitula-
 ted emotions

That flesh is asking to bear, 'tis a holo-
 caust

Passionately to be desired. To fresh out
 Into a world of distorted perceptions
 And nauseating smoke of hashish
 And flowers flowing like rain;
 An island of greens and a clod of blue
 Clash in unleashed fury while a
 Kaleidoscope of colors radiate into dilated
 pupils.

Suddenly, like an electric shock
 Vibrating chromosomes bound into one
 organism

Slide down, down, down an abyss of darkness,
 Caught in a whirlpool of psychedelic
 phantasmagoria

To the tune of some coagulated music . . .
 Cold sweat trickles down painful shoulders
 Clammy hands reach out for support
 Cold, numb feet stand on jangled nerves
 The trip is over and thus the eyes
 And the world is the same old world
 The spirit is willing for another experience
 But the flesh is weak . . .

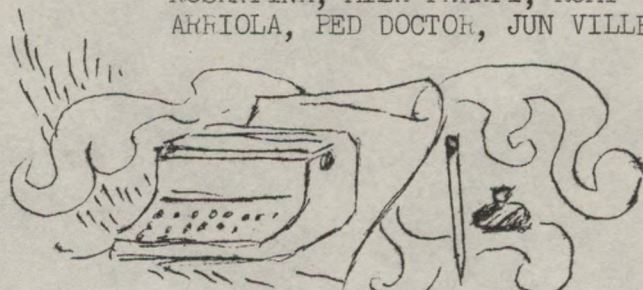
'Twas an effort of soul and perspiration.

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JUNIOR COUNCIL

Dimalanta Wins Chairmanship

EDITORIAL

HOMEWARD BOUND!

With the end of the convention comes the heart break at leaving new-found friends, leaving Baguio City - and of course the tragedy returning to school.

Something must however, be realized by each delegate concerning the end of Convention. For though the confab itself is ours, the work has just began. We are all changed people, whether or not we realize it. As we move about in our school, we will come to notice this difference: our attitudes are different, viewpoints more radical, perception of issues clearer.

Because of this, we have a responsibility; a responsibility concerning the reformation of the nation. The possession of new ideas and attitudes demands of us a new effort toward the betterment of the land.

"The time to burn is now!"

NEWS TIDBITS

Jorge L. Reyes of the Quezon City High School has won the poetry contest "Finish the Unfinished." His prize will be sent later on from the CMLI Central Office. (The unfinished poem is by Shou-Kong Ou of American School.)

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All members of Central Board of the incoming Junior Council are from schools within the Greater Manila Area. This was pre-arranged set-up designed to facilitate attendance at meetings of the Junior Council. However, regional boards afford delegation outside the Manila Area, a chance to work for the Council. The Chairmen and Vice chairmen of these regional boards are directors-at-large of the Central Board.

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John Dimalanta, head delegate of the Philippine Science High School delegation, yesterday won the helm of the incoming CMLI Junior Council. He first received 32 votes from some 35 Greater Manila head delegates, and then a majority vote from the top 16 vote-garners in the same group.

The rest of the incoming Junior Council is composed of the following:

Barbara Anne Migallos, 1st vice-chairman; Juan Reyes, 2nd vice-chairman; Reynaldo Reyes, 3rd vice-chairman; Elizabeth Enriquez; Rizalyn Adetuin, Butch Alcantara, Tony Bicencio, Jr., Moises Mina, Bobby Abada; Dennis Mate, Dennis Warren, Ernie del Rosario, Monchi Mañalac, Liliput David, and Danny Gortayo, Councilors. Members of the incoming council and officers of the regional boards are: Heracleo Havier, Central Luzon; Aure Cervantes, Northern Luzon; Reuel Cervantes, Western Visayas; Alex Yu, Bicol; Celso Santos, Southern Luzon; Noli Vienes, Andia Narciso, and Rodolfo Chin, Mindanao.

Led by CMLI President Mrs. Fernanda Balboa, incoming Council took their oath of office at the Farewell Night ceremonies of the 11th Annual CMLI Convention. Mrs. Balboa also delivered an inspirational speech during the ceremonies. The "rebel" head of CMLI expressed her satisfaction at both the choice of the Convention's theme and its outcome.

Meanwhile, Rodel E. Rodis, president of the outgoing Junior Council gave a report on the activities of his Council for the past year, 1968-69. The rest of the outgoing officers bowed out of active duty of each delivering a short speech.

The ceremonies were capped by overall comments from Atty. Pompeyo Gregorio, Convention Director and community singing.

The annual visit of the CMLI Convention delegates to PMA was repeated again this year with some 5 busloads of delegates trooping into the "foremost military academy in the Philippines." They

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EFFECTING GENUINE CHANGES

Change is imperative if only to consider the demands of today's steady-and-fast moving society. Change is a want of anybody especially the youth who seem to be tired of once-upon-a time practices. He clamors for something that is now. He hates the generation to which he was born. He demands on immediate change. He becomes violent when he does not attain a desired change. But what kind of change does he want? In what way can change be attained? What effort is exerted, or thinking is used for a change?

Change to cope with the tempo of our generation should be genuine. But to effect a genuine change is not an easy job. It requires a strong determination at all cost. Besides, the words, feelings and action of the young should encompass with the needs of the society without detriment to the established good but as an addition to achieve a prosperous and decent life.

Farlie S. Salvador
Head Delegate, Northeastern Foundation
College

HAIL, SING OUT BAGUIO CITY !

The magnificent performance shown by the members of the "Sing-Out Baguio City" was superb and has successfully conveyed to us a change in our attitude towards an enlightened society.

The inspiring songs rendered by the gr. not only served as an entertainment to the audience but they also carried out message which was centered on the transformation of an individual. The message of the "Sing-Out Baguio City" has indeed penetrated the deepest marrow of our love.

To them, a heartfelt congratulations!

Flordeliza Arceño
Pag-asa High School

Most orderly Room Contest Rooms 301, 104, and 203, in that order have been adjudged winners. Congratulations, Certificates of Appreciation will be sent to occupant schools.

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A LOVELY TRIP

A trip to the Philippine Military Academy was very exciting to all the delegates but for me it was a very lovely trip.

Upon our arrival in the place, we met cadets in different uniforms. Smiling faces I have seen with shades of enjoyment. All were busy taking picture for their souvenirs. Other were curious in inspecting the building and they were attracted by the beautiful view. But I was attracted to nothing for I was thinking of my mother. Yes, I was longing for the companionship of my family. I feel nostalgia far our place. So after conversing a little with my friends, I decided to be alone, so I bid goodbye to my friends and then being weary I sat and tried to recall our past moments when I shared joys with my family. But suddenly my fantastic dreams were interrupted by the footfall of a woman. I looked at her and she smiled at me. She has blond hair white complexion and beautiful. I thought it was my mother, but it was time to face realities, my mother is far from me and we are separated by the mountains and wide sea. But I became interested to know her. It was good greeted me "Hello" and in return I answered her "good morning" I passed by and I realized that I was clinging to her arm. I know her by the name of Mrs. Joy Hutchinson, she asked me to join strolling with her family. I was very happy to be given a chance to share the enjoyment of their family. They were so nice to me as if I was their child. I met her husband Mr. Leslie Hutchinson and her daughter Jennefer. They came from New Zealand and they are guests of CMLI.

I thought I would be lonely on that trip but I was mistaken because I knew how people makes other people happy wholly and heartily and they make the world lovely for people like me.

Gary Yu
Agusan High School
Butuan City

POEM CONTEST WINNER NAMED

1st PRIZE

"FINISH THE UNFINISH FORM"

Hey, you there, nodding sleepily your head
 Hey, you there, did you hear what I just
 said?
 Hey, you there, you're alive, not sick or
 dead
 Hey, you there, get this through your silly
 head.

The winds say, the "sacadas" from the fields
 are coming
 The winds say, the peasants from the plains
 are rising
 The winds say, plebeians from everywhere
 are uniting
 The winds say, blood will be moving - a
 consulsion is coming

These shall happen, if we remain cold.
 These shall happen, if we cling to the old
 These shall happen, if we'll never be bold
 These shall happen, if we'll all be cold.

Shall we let these happen or shall we not?
 Shall we let things go on and continue to
 rot?

Shall we be call our and wait till our
 throats are cut?

These things can only be answered by us
 and we'll answer: We shall not.

Jorge L. Reyes

Quezon City Science High Sch.

TO A FAT MAIDEN

She walks like georgeous gal
 To find a handsome pal
 She winks her waist
 And raises her brow
 To struck a heart by an arrow.

As fat as she would be
 Boys of three look in glee
 Smiles at them in melancholy
 Fat I am, she exclaimed
 Rare than diamond, many are profound.

Erlinda S. Santos

Quezon City High Sch.

Dimalanta wins (from page 1)

were afforded a complete run of the grounds,
 although the usual dress parade was not
 held because some of the cadets were on
 retreat.

CIGARETTE BUTT

it's cold ... relatively dark:
 but his nervous frightened steps
 the crumping twigs,
 the crunching dried leaves.
 shared to bring about the ghostly
 noise
 in the haggard, wilderness.

at a nook
 there was glare and
 a train of slowly blown smoke
 the spark of light - magnified the
 eye
 in his heart - there was joy,
 there was hope he was not alone

seconds passed
 the spark of light - out of place!
 carpeted with dried leaves
 in a wink of an eye
 the glare of light - a glare no more.

Hell was the jungle!
 How cruel man is.

Elizabeth Alviar

La Union High School

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ANG PAGHIHIMAGSIK

Ang ating daigdig ay nasasaklaw ng
 pag-~~ibig~~,
 Pagdurusa at pagpapakasakit,
 Na umusbong sa lahing kayumanggi,
 At nangangailangan ng ating pagkan-
 dili.

Tunay na ang paghihimagsik dito sa
 ating bayan,
 Ay nararapat nating ipaglaban
 Pagka't tayo'y mga nilalang
 Na may sariling karapatan.

(Kaya) Mga kalahi, ang panahon ay
 sumapit na,

Upang imulat ang ating mga mata.
 Sa mga katiwaliang nakikita,
 Maging sa pribado at pamahalaang
 kompanya.

Kayat aking mga kababata,
 Tayo ay magkaisa,
 Sa himagsikang mapagpalaya,
 Nitong lupang sinisinta.

Pablo Villanueva, Jr.

Quezon City Science High Sch.

Star III

ON THE LAST DAY.....

FOR WHAT IS CMLI

I remember meeting you;
In a chilly morning dew
On that fifteenth day of October
In said camp of the teachers.

It is really very exciting
To have friends in a week of meeting
To join all the ideas and conform
with more resolutions for reform.

The very purpose of this convention
To look for reformist from the
delegations.
Who in the discussions are very active
In giving ideas that are so per-
suasive.

Yet, all of us will soon be back home
We'll soon depart, so come along
Don't waste your time, staying in
your room
Meet more friends, come all, let's
roam

Len Baniqued
Head Delegate-FABC
Fort Bonifacio College
Fort Bonifacio, Rizal

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OUR CMLI

Who art in Baguio
Followed are their brains (joke lang)
Thy reforms come
They will be done here
As they happen elsewhere.
Give us this day
Our daily soup and hot water
And forgive us our complaints
As we forgive those
Who want us to freeze to death.
And lead us not into our grave
But deliver us good food
Not Albert's Mess.

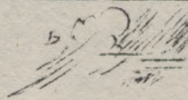
Amen

An adaptation of the Lord's prayer by
Orlando Morabe, M B X
American School

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ADEU CMLI



It's indeed sad to accept the fact
That we young delegates will soon
depart
The joys and laughters each of us
had
Will only be soon a part of our life.

For cold mist in early morning freez-
ing our heart
For tall verdant pine trees pleasing
our sight
For angelic voice rendered by "Baguio
Sing-Out"
Thanks CMLI for the happiness we got

To young delegates of CMLI
I'm now to bid you goodluck and good-
bye
Use all the knowledge imparted in
your mind.
But then let there always be faith
in your heart.

Mei Manbella
Delegate, Ft. Bonifacio College
Bonifacio, Rizal

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THOUGHTS OF HOME



The day for our departure has arrived.
Preparations have been going on for some
time now. I can just see some of us relat-
ing stories and adventures during the six
days spent in this wonderful place.

But the stories will be different from
a person coming from a vacation. Even
though some hours were spent for sight-see-
ing and fund, still our hours were not
merely for enjoyment. Staying here for
six days was quite profitable. We not only
learned to make friends but in the times
given us, were able to give our opinion on
the present condition of our country.

So our stories will not only be full
of fun but full of knowledge. The added
knowledge are accumulated here. And for
this knowledge we thank God for having
this kind of organization which is really fulfil-
ling its aim.

Luz Marie C. Ramos
Manila Central University

I felt . . . I saw
Weather . . . Brr . . . it's really cold and
my body is frozen
Water . . . Oh . . . how cold. It's really
terribly soothing on my skin
Food . . . they're really satisfying and
palatable to the taste.

People . . . are hospitable and at the
same time hardworking
Pines . . . are really wonderful grace -
fully swaying in the air
Flowers . . . are very attractive in the
multi-colored ones
Girls . . . delegates are really of wow!
body and charming personality
Boys . . . Oh good how handsome they are!
Chaperons . . . are also burning their
midnight oil showing their initia-
tions on programs.

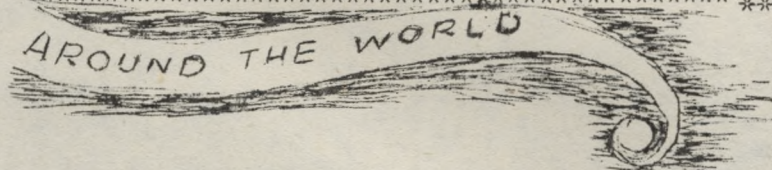
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BAGUIO --- A TERRIFIC CITY

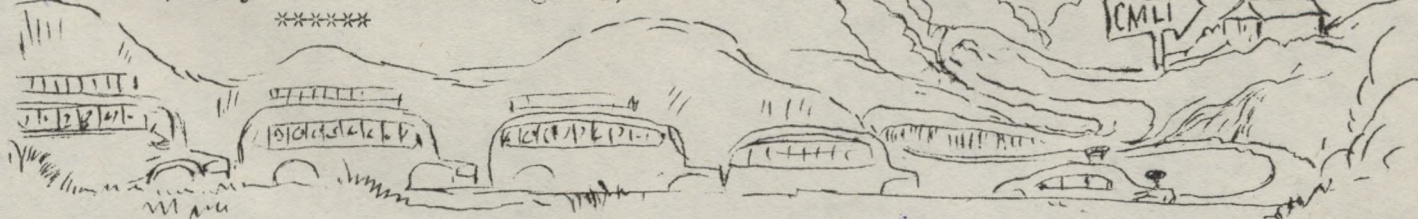
Upon stepping the soil of the City of Pines
My heart leaped and my soul jumped.
For it was really a terrific city,
I was captivated by those trees
which are tiny.

Pine trees here, pine trees there,
I can find you everywhere.
For it was really a terrific city,
I am sure you will agree with me.
Today, we're leaving
The City of Pines which I loved thee.
For it was really a terrific city,
Baguio can be a pillow of society.

Peter Quilala de Teodoro, Jr.
Elpidio Quirino High School
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Experience guide man's destiny
Gained in an advent of time
Soothing, comforting to many
Who are in a crowded try.

Experience is the but teacher
Whom nobody can ignore
It's nice to have experience
It is a fondless treasure

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Serve you in the cover of darkness
Experience is with you and I
Thanks to CMLI.

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CHARITY

givers give gifts
to the needy, poor ones,
givers will be given,
grace from God divine.

Anonymous

THE NATURAL FULLNESS OF MAN¹

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Good afternoon, friends,

When I was asked to share my thoughts with you on moral and spiritual reforms, my first reaction was to decline the invitation, for I do not consider myself an authority on the subject. But after giving it a second thought, I felt that this could be an occasion to share with you the experiences and the opinions of the Community Development Foundation regarding the subject matter, which was developed from years of dialogue and communications with the thousands of people who have attended our various seminars all over the Country. And here I am this afternoon, to share with you the CDF's thoughts on the Natural Fullness of Man.

Allow me to start this talk with the following questions:

1. Can each of you sincerely say that you cannot be a better Filipino, by doing more to help develop your fellow Filipinos, so that we may all have a better Philippines?
2. Can each of you sincerely say that you as a human being cannot share more of your talents, resources and TIME to help the millions of our more unfortunate fellow beings gain their God-given right of human dignity so that they may command some respect among their fellowmen?
3. Can each of you sincerely say that you as Christians, if you are Christians, cannot be a better witness of Christ, our Lord?

The reason why I have started my talk this way, is because the Philippines today is supposed to be the only "Christian" country here in Asia. Why? Because statistics show us that out of the 37 million Filipinos, over ninety percent are Christians. But are we really Christians? Are we really practising Christianity? Or are we Christians in name only, for one reason or the other?

Before we go ahead and look at the cross section of our people to see if they are really Christian in Spirit and in practice, allow me to read to you Webster's Dictionary's definition of the word Christian. Its definition as a noun reads, "a person professing belief in Jesus as the Christ, or in the religion based on His teachings." As an adjective, Webster's says, "of Jesus Christ; of the teachings of Jesus Christ; of the professing the religion based on these teachings; having the qualities demonstrated and taught by Jesus Christ, such as love, kindness, self-sacrifice, etc. . . .; of or representing Christians and Christianity; and finally its colloquialisms are human, decent, etc. . . ."

Now based on these definitions, I will try to show you why I am embarrassed everytime I hear the Philippines called a Christian Country.

We have seen that to be a Christian one must have to believe in Jesus Christ and His teachings, and to my mind His teachings during His short stay with us here as Man, can be summarized in one of His Commandments, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVE YOU". Now remember He did not say, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER, OR ELSE", nor did He say "LOVE ME, AS I HAVE LOVE YOU". He said, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVE YOU".

Can we, all here gathered today, in this assembly, sincerely say that we are Christians, in the light of Christ's commandment, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVE YOU"? How many of us can sincerely say that we are really and truly witnesses of Christ? The Holy Spirit has now given us, the so called "Christians",

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the documents of Vatican II, and these documents confirm those that said that it was not enough to go to the sacraments, to be a Christian, but one must show his love of God, by loving his fellowmen through self-sacrifice,

I do not have to tell you how Christ demonstrated His love for Mankind, because this is of common knowledge to all who are Christian and non-Christian, But allow me to illustrate to you some men who to me are better Christians than some self-righteous people who call themselves Christians.

Jose Rizal, the Great Malayan, in his "Ultimo Adios" which he wrote on the eve of his execution, clearly showed to the whole world his Christian spirit in the first few words of his last message:

"Gladly now I go to give thee this life's faded best,
and were it brighter, fresher or more blest
Still would I give it to thee, nore count the cost."

Here was someone who loved not only his wife, relatives, friends, his fellow countrymen, may the whole human race, but through the love he showed to all these human beings he loved God in a most genuine fashion. He literally fulfilled Christ's words: "Greater love than this no man has than that he lay down his life for his friends."

The Great Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of India, whose centennial we are celebrating this year was a Hindu, but to my mind he was a greater Christian than most of our holier-than-thou fellow Christians here in the Philippines. Did you know that throughout his life, Gandhi meditated on the Sermon on the Mount? When asked one time what he thought of Christianity, he remarked: "I like your Christ and His teachings, but I cannot stomach your Christians." This great man who finally broke the back of "Untouchability" in India, by not only living with the untouchables, but by working for them thru non-violent means of fasting and self-sacrifice, to my mind is the best example of what Christ would want all mankind to do, when He said, "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me."

I could go on and on, mentioning to you very good examples of great men who had the Christian spirit, such as Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Ramon Magsaysay, Jose Abad Santos and others who have gone to their reward. I could also mention some great men with the same spirit who are still living and doing their share to alleviate and help their fellowmen, such as this year's Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Community Leadership, Mr. A.T. Ariyaratne, from Ceylon, Mr. Oscar Arellano of the Operations Brotherhood, and thousands upon thousands who are trying to spread the spirit of Christianity by example and not by preaching the Bible.

But now that I have shown to you some examples of true Christians with the right spirit, let us proceed in analyzing the cross-section of the people of our Country, and see if they are truly Christian in spirit and in practice.

Let us look at the Youth of the land, Rizal's Hope of the Fatherland, are they Christians? Are they loving their fellowmen when they organize to demand more from their school's authorities regarding the policies of the school? Are they Christian, when they have to embarrass the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, for a mistake or mistakes they may have committed? Are they Christian, when they have to organize themselves into "barkadas" instead of trying harder to foster better relations with their parents, when they are ignored by their parents? You might say that sometimes parents are impossible to love, but I ask you, are they as impossible as the Jews were when they crucified Christ on the Cross? What did He say on the Cross about the impossible Jews? Didn't He say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."?

Let us take a look now at the sector of the country responsible for the formal development of our people, the people behind our schools and universities, the people who are behind

the Alma Mater of our country, are they Christian? How many of our educators and school authorities take advantage of our students and their parents by having them contribute continuously for the construction of school buildings, or better laboratories, or a better library, inspite of the fact that these institutions are making millions upon millions from exorbitant fees for their stockholders? Is this Christian? Are they being Christian when they take on less qualified teachers in order to save money, again for the stockholders? Are these people sincere in trying to give the Youth of the land the best possible education, or are they using Youth to enrich themselves? Is this loving one another as Christ loved us?

Let us now proceed to the Filipino Business world. Are Filipino entrepreneurs Christian, when they treat their employees as only a means of enriching themselves further, when instead they should give these employees the respect a human being deserves, by acknowledging their contribution to the business in a more human and decent way by better ways and means of profit sharing? How often have you heard top management people, during a strike, remark, "These ingrates, 'abusados', instead of being happy that they are employed, when millions are jobless, they still insist in more benefits." How many of these so-called successful businessmen really respect the God-given human dignity of their employees? Is this attitude Christian? Is this loving one another, as Christ commanded us?

On the other hand, let us take a look at the people in the Labor side of the business world, are they Christian in spirit and in practice? When people in Labor have to organize themselves to demand more than what they are worthy from Management, is this Christian? You will tell me, they have to organize, because Management always takes advantage of them. They are not fair. They are not just. But were the Jewish priests fair to Christ when they tormented Him? Was Pontius Pilate just when he acceded to the Jewish people by condemning an innocent Christ to die on the Cross? What did Christ do when the soldiers mocked Him, spat on Him, scourged Him, crowned Him with thorns and finally crucified Him? Did He in His infinite power as a God strike back at His tormentors or did he suffer all these indignities and injustices for the love of Mankind?

The landlords in the provinces, who have really exploited the natural resources of our land, are they Christian when instead of returning at least a major part of their profits to benefit our people in the rural areas, spend this money in Greater Manila, by building over-luxurious mansions and palaces, by giving over-luxurious insignificant parties, or by going to the extent of hoarding their money abroad, so that they may have dollars outside the country whenever they go for a vacation abroad? Is this loving their fellowmen or being selfish?

On the other hand, are the tenants, in this rural areas, Christian when they have to organize themselves and agitate other farmers and tenants to grab the land away from the landlords. There are other means of getting one's just rewards. Gandhi's "satyagraha" movement is proof of this. To Gandhi, "satyagraha", or "truth force" was more powerful than war or violent revolution; victory was assured because truth is resistance to evil, based on God and faith in His ultimate sovereignty. His movement further stated that the opposed must not feel hatred towards the one who wrongs him, and evil must not be returned for evil. What more fitting proof that Gandhi was really Christian in spirit, and yet he was a Hindu. Are our tenants any less than the Indian people who followed Gandhi?

The so-called public servants of the Land, whether in the National, provincial, or local levels, whether Nacionalista, Liberal or Independent, are they seeking office to serve the people as they should or are they seeking office so that they may enrich themselves at the expense of the people. Is this loving one's neighbor? Is this Christian? Is this right?

On the other hand, the electorate, the people that put our politicians into power, are they being Christian when they sell their votes to the highest bidder? Are they being Christian when they vote only for people who will protect their interests at the expense of the people? Is this loving one another, or is this loving one's self at the expense of others? Is this Christian?

I can go on and on all afternoon showing you more people in our country who are so unChristian, but I am sure that by now you will agree with me that our country and our people do not really need Communism or any other ism than that we practice more Christianity. And what does Christianity connote? Very simply spelt, L O V E. Love in its truest sense. And what is Love in its truest sense?

The love that exists between a husband and wife is not the only kind of love there is. Love essentially mean only one thing: the giving of oneself to another totally and unreservedly. Love makes the person who loves so much like the other that he becomes the other. Therefore, wherever we find love there must be this essential factor of self-giving to the other; if it is not present it is not love. It follows, then, that all of us are capable to love. It may not be in all of us to be able to show our love for our countrymen, in the same way as it was a privilege of a Rizal, a Gandhi, a Lincoln, and a Kennedy, but it certainly is within the capacities of everyone to be able to love and be loved. It is not only a capacity, but a real need. The abnormalities in human behaviour can certainly be pinpointed to the fact that the individual concerned failed to find love in his life when he needed it most. And how do you develop this spirit of Love? Because it is essential to have dialogue in any cooperative interaction of people to attain the common goal in the development of people, we must therefore define the type of dialogue or communications one must have to develop this spirit of Cooperation. And by Communications, we are in the CDF, mean a total sharing of one's resources whether financial, technical, or plain ordinary muscle power for the common good, and not the common concept everyone has for the word Communications, which is lip service. Communications, in the sense that requires not only the sharing of your resources, but also your time, and all these require, to some extent, a lot of self-sacrifice, but one thing I can guarantee you is that these sacrifices are so self-fulfilling, that one, slowly but surely, stops being individualistic and materialistic. In short, when we in the CDF speak of Communications, we actually, mean sharing, self-sacrifice, which adds up to love.

But because of the rotten social structure and the wrong standard of moral values we have in our society today we must have security in numbers in our work of promoting this Spirit of Unity through the universal language of Love. We must get more sincere and dedicated people in our respective communities to listen to our message of Cooperation and Brotherly Love, before we strike out on our individual ways of doing our good work. In trying to communicate and share our resources with our more unfortunate fellowmen, it is essential to gather a group of dedicated people who are beyond any question and reproach together before we even try to help them. These people have lost all hope and confidence in the government. These people have practically lost all hope and confidence from the financial and technical resource sectors of our Country. There is very little time left to start changing our attitudes, and the sooner we start, the sooner, we can stop the surging waves of those who are spreading the idea of a bloody revolution. You must agree with me that our country is very ripe for such a revolution. We have all the reasons for one - graft and corruption in all the government services; injustices committed to the common tao; exploitation of the Filipino by his brother Filipino; the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, and all these, you will agree with me, is because of the very big gaps of communications between the various sectors of the country. I have just given you the root cause of the problems of our times -

the Communications Gap - but other than this we have what is called the Application Gap, wherein people who mean well do not practice what they preach. It is therefore essential also that before you and I start preaching this message of Love and Cooperation for Unity and Progress, we must be convinced and sincere and show people by example that Love can conquer all. Live this message of Love in your family, your neighborhood, your barrio, even before you think of tackling the country's problems, because it is only this way we can catalyze the people in the grassroots, by showing them by example, how this message of Love can really be effective.

We want people to be united for a common cause - Peace and prosperity for all, therefore people who are working towards this end must get together and cooperate with one another, so as to maximize their resources in achieving their common end. In other words, "United we stand, divided we fall." And tell me what other way, can we be united, if we do not at least communicate with one another. I have seen the power of the people united for a common end work time and again, and believe me, a people united in thought and in spirit can actually move mountains. As the Latin saying goes, "Vox populi, Vox Dei."

We have a tough grind ahead of us in spreading this message of Love and Cooperation, because we are dealing with the attitudes of people, and because they are people we must be very patient. It is not easy to change an individualistic attitude to that of a cooperative one, overnight. I know most good people today would want action or other things that would motivate people into action as soon as possible, but people are people and we must never forget that very wise Tagalog saying "Sapagkat siya'y tao lamang". Look at how the Catholic Church's hierarchy is being attacked today, because they are Bishops and therefore, Vicars of God here on Earth, they are expected to be perfect. Wrong, these bishops are no different than you and I. They are PEOPLE, and because of this they have to make mistakes, and the only way to correct these mistakes they have committed if any, is through self-less and sincere dialogue with them.

Yes, you might say that this would be good, but we do not have the time for all these. But, I ask you, what other way, but a bloody revolution, is there? And allow me to question this other way. What guarantee do you have that you will succeed after the revolution? What is to stop the people then to revolt against you? And speaking of bloody revolutions, what good is it doing the people of Vietnam? If there is any good, it definitely is overshadowed by the sorrows and sufferings of the orphans, widows, and cripples who have to continue suffering throughout their entire lives. Any scars of a war torn country does not easily erase itself over a generation. Look at Cuba, where good meaning and dedicated people started with Fidel Castro, how did the revolution there benefit the people? Look at Spain, thirty years after their Civil War, do you really believe the people benefitted from that revolution? Look at our own revolution against Spain, because the Spaniards were exploiting our people, and therefore they took up arms to fight for our independence. Look at us now that we are free, don't you think we are worst off now, because now we have Filipinos exploiting each other. Look at the American Civil War regarding the Negroes, they still have the same problem, a hundred years later. Look at the French Revolution, where the people fought for Liberty, Freedom, and Equality. Did the French people really get Liberty, Freedom, and Equality? Look at France during this century a mixed up people who really do not have Liberty or Equality. Under de Gaulle, France progressed, but wasn't it a dictatorial type of government where people really did not have Liberty and Equality?

No, my friends, a bloody revolution is not the answer. We must change the attitudes of the people, so that they may all have a common orientation of what they would really want, so that all of us, from the top, down will exert all resources and efforts to achieve the common goal of equal opportunity and security for all. And how can we achieve this end, only thru sharing our resources, by self-sacrifice and true Christian Charity for the common good. Only thru Love of Neighbor. Only by loving one another, as Christ love us. If democracy has failed here in the Philippines, let's not turn to Communism, let's try something we have never practiced really - CHRISTIANITY !!!!!



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